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SUBJECT: CANDID DISCUSSION WITH PRINCE ANDREW ON THE KYRGYZ
ECONOMY AND THE "GREAT GAME"
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Classified By: Amb. Tatiana Gfoeller, Reason 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) SUMMARY: On October 28, the Ambassador participated in a two-hour brunch to brief HRH the Duke of York ahead of his meetings with the F

12. (C) British Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic Paul Brummell invited the Ambassador to participate in briefing His Royal Highness Prince And
"YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE ROUGH WITH THE SMOOTH"

13. (C) The discussion was kicked off by the president of the Canadian-run Kumtor mine, who described at length his company's travails of tryir

14. (C) The Prince reacted with unmitigated patriotic fervor. To his credit, he diligently tried to understand the Kyrgyz point view. However,
"ALL OF THIS SOUNDS EXACTLY LIKE FRANCE"

15. (C) After having half-heartedly danced around the topic for a bit, only mentioning "personal interests" in pointed fashion, the business re

16. (C) The Prince then turned to the Ambassador for an American take on the situation. The Ambassador described American business interests in
"YOU HAVE TO CURE YOURSELF OF ANOREXIA"

17. (C) With a mock groan, the Duke of York then exclaimed: "My God, what am I supposed to tell these people?!" More seriously, he invited his
18. (C) Agreeing with the Ambassador's point about rapid government turnover, they urged him to impress upon his hosts the importance of predic
PLAYING THE GREAT GAME (BY EXTENSION THE AMERICANS TOO)

19. (C) Addressing the Ambassador directly, Prince Andrew then turned to regional politics. He stated baldly that "the United Kingdom, Western

110. (C) The Prince pounced at the sound of that name. He told the Ambassador that he was a frequent visitor to Central Asia and the Caucasus a

111. (C) The Duke then stated that he was very worried about Russia's resurgence in the region. As an example, he cited the recent Central Asia

112. (C) Showing that he is an equal-opportunity Great Game player, HRH then turned to the topic of China. He recounted that when he had recent
RUDE LANGUAGE A LA BRITISH

113. (C) The brunch had already lasted almost twice its allotted time, but the Prince looked like he was just getting started. Having exhausted
COMMENT

114. (C) COMMENT: Prince Andrew reached out to the Ambassador with cordiality and respect, evidently valuing her insights. However, he reacted
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